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4-H Club Camp.

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FINDINGS OF THE PROJECT REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE.

The Project Requirements Committee which reported at the 1929 National Club Encampment compiled interesting data on which recommendations were based (Mimeograph Circular 4969). The projects studied were clothing, food preparation, gardening, poultry, swine, corn. A summary of selected items of the data follows:

Club Enrollment and Per Cent Completions 1928.48 States.

	Enroll- ment Rank	Boys Enrolled	Girls Enrolled	Total	Per Cent Completing
Clothing.....	1st	928	251,154	252,082	64.4
Food Preparation.....	2nd	1,408	154,530	155,938	61.4
Gardening.....	4th	21,409	89,520	110,989	60.2
Poultry.....	7th	40,107	57,783	97,890	58.1
Swine.....	9th	47,995	3,758	51,753	62.4
Corn.....	10th	37,784	1,310	39,094	60.4

Percentage Enrolled in 1928, by Ages

	Number of States Reporting	Below 10 Years	10-12	13-15	16-18	19-20
Clothing.....	19	1.0	41.3	40.9	14.6	2.2
Food Preparation...	19	.7	37.9	41.7	17.5	2.2
Gardening.....	19	1.1	38.4	45.4	12.6	2.5
Poultry.....	20	1.3	33.5	45.1	16.9	3.2
Swine.....	17	1.0	34.6	43.	14.7	6.7
Corn.....	19	- -	31.5	49.2	16.8	2.5

TERMINOLOGY USED FOR DIVISIONS
OR UNITS OF WORK IN THE SEVERAL PROJECTS.

TERM - "YEAR"

	No. States Reporting
Clothing.....	19
Food Preparation.....	14
Gardening.....	7
Poultry.....	17
Swine.....	10
Corn.....	13

TERM - "PROJECT OR SUB-PROJECT"

Clothing	6
Food Preparation.....	11
Gardening.....	11
Poultry.....	5
Swine.....	6
Corn.....	9

TERM - "UNIT"

Clothing.....	3
Food Preparation.....	4
Gardening.....	0
Poultry.....	0
Swine.....	1
Corn.....	0

TERM - "PHASE"

Clothing.....	2
Food Preparation.....	2
Gardening.....	3
Poultry.....	3
Swine.....	5
Corn.....	2

TERM - "DEMONSTRATION"

Clothing.....	3
Food Preparation.....	2
Gardening.....	5
Poultry.....	3
Swine.....	3
Corn.....	4

TERM - "NUMBER I - II, ETC."

	No. States Reporting
Clothing	4
Food Preparation.....	0
Gardening.....	0
Poultry.....	0
Swine.....	0
Corn.....	0

TERM - "PROGRAM"

Clothing.....	2
Food Preparation (Program A,B,C,D).....	1
Gardening.....	0
Poultry.....	0
Swine.....	0
Corn.....	0

TERM - "JUNIOR AND SENIOR"

Clothing.....	1
Food Preparation (Junior and Senior Program.....	2
Gardening.....	0
Poultry.....	2
Swine.....	1
Corn.....	1

TERM - "CLUB I, ETC."

Clothing.....	0
Food Preparation.....	1
Gardening.....	6
Poultry.....	9
Swine.....	6
Corn.....	5

TERM - "CLASS"

Clothing.....	0
Food Preparation.....	0
Gardening.....	1
Poultry.....	0
Swine.....	0
Corn.....	1

NUMBER OF LOCAL CLUB MEETINGS HELD DURING THE YEAR IN COMMUNITIES.

<u>Project</u>	<u>No. of States Reporting</u>	<u>Average Per Year</u>
Clothing.....	36	10
Food Preparation.....	36	9
Gardening.....	34	9
Poultry.....	39	9
Swine.....	32	8
Corn.....	33	8

WRITTEN STORY REQUIREMENTS.

<u>Project</u>	<u>No. of States Reporting</u>	<u>Story Required</u>	<u>Not Required</u>
Clothing	40	29	11
Food Preparation.....	43	29	12
(Two States for champions and State awards only.)			
Gardening.....	40	31	9
Poultry.....	41	31	7
(One State for contestants only and two for State awards only.)			
Swine.....	40	32	7
(One State for State awards only.)			
Corn.....	39	32	5
(Two States for champion and State awards only.)			

EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

<u>Project</u>	<u>No. of States Reporting</u>	<u>Exhibit Required</u>	<u>Not Required</u>
Clothing.....	40	31	9
Food Preparation.....	41	24	17
Gardening.....	39	19	20
Poultry.....	41	21	20
Swine.....	38	20	18
(One State when in competition for prizes only.)			
Corn.....	40	26	14

Most States that do not require the exhibit in completion requirements, encourage club members to exhibit finished products. Exhibits are put on at community, county and State fairs, community and county achievement day events, poultry or corn shows, and at special meetings of farmers' organizations.

CERTIFICATION OF RECORD

<u>Project</u>	<u>No. of States Reporting</u>	<u>States Requiring Certification of Record</u>
Clothing.....	39	21
Gardening.....	35	19
Poultry.....	38	22
Swine.....	39	24
Corn.....	37	21

FINANCIAL ESTIMATE IN RECORD BOOK

Clothing - Either financial estimate is not required or is figured on labor income basis by 27 States. Other reports vary from 5 cents to 20 cents per hour (35 States reporting).

Gardening - No record of man hours required by 14 States. Other reports vary from 5 cents to 40 cents per hour. (37 States reporting). No record of horse hours required by 11 States. Other reports vary from 5 cents to 20 cents per hour. (35 States reporting).

Poultry - Either financial estimate is not required or is figured on labor income basis by 27 States. Other reports vary from 5 cents to 20 cents per hour. (39 States reporting.)

Swine - Either financial estimate is not required or is figured on labor income basis by 21 States. Other reports vary from 5 cents to 25 cents per hour. (37 States reporting.)

Corn - No record of man hours required by 5 States. Other reports vary from 10 cents to 35 cents per hour. (35 States reporting.) No record for horse hours required by one State. Other reports vary from 5 cents to 20 cents per hour. (31 States reporting.)

Question not asked on Food Preparation.

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?

If you know that a boy or girl who is likely to remain on the farm, could only stay in club work two years in your State, what club project or projects would you suggest that he undertake in the two years? Do not confine yourself to only the six projects treated in this outline.

The following projects were suggested for girls. During the two year period, it was suggested that a 4-H club girl conduct from 2 to 4 regular club projects, depending largely upon age of girl.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Suggested by Different States</u>
Foods.....	28
Clothing.....	25
Poultry.....	8
House Furnishing.....	7
Gardening.....	6
Home Management.....	4
Yard Improvement.....	3

The following projects were suggested for boys. Agricultural and livestock projects are determined upon the section of the country or even the State.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Suggested by Different States.</u>
Dairy.....	15
Swine.....	12
Poultry.....	9
Corn.....	8
Cotton.....	6
Potatoes.....	5
Baby Beef.....	4
Legumes.....	4
Market Garden.....	4
Sheep.....	3
Tobacco.....	2

The following are a few quotations made by States in different sections of the country.

MASSACHUSETTS

"One would probably not go far astray if they recommended that the girl do two years of training in our home economics projects.

1st year

Winter - clothing
Summer - canning

2nd year

Winter - food
Summer - room improvement

With the boy the agriculture carried on in the community in which he would most likely establish himself would determine what projects he would carry.

In both cases effort should be made to arouse in these young people our ideals for service and those other interests which make for better living."

NEW JERSEY

"For a boy it would be the project that bore some definite relation to the farm on which he lived and for the girls it should be definitely related to the home situation. By following this principle one would be working with a natural and not an artificial situation."

PENNSYLVANIA

"In agricultural club work, potato and dairy clubs, for Pennsylvania conditions.

We can give them the fundamentals on plant propagation, cultural practices, disease and insect control in potato club work.

In dairy club work we can give them the principles underlying efficient livestock management.

Both branches of the industry are of front rank importance under our conditions."

ALABAMA

"For Boys: - A 'Soil building' project, cotton and corn with legumes, and swine project if home conditions were right.

For Girls: - If I were a home demonstration agent and knew that some of my club girls could stay in club work only two years, I would recommend that they study Foods and Nutrition for one year and Home Management the other. With these two projects a girl would have the fundamental principles for making a family healthy and happy."

ARKANSAS

"For Girls: - First year - Gardening and Canning (one project)

Second year - Poultry - during these two years she would automatically get work in clothing and cooking.

For Boys: - First year - Cotton (our chief money crop)

Second year - Swine or Dairy - depending upon the community, together with the growing of legumes and pastures as sources of feed for their livestock. If boy was around 15 or 16 when he joined, I would suggest both cotton and corn the first year."

FLORIDA

"For Girls: -

1. Gardening or poultry with the follow-up work of foods and nutrition.
2. Clothing, including selection of material and garment construction.
3. Sanitation, beautification of exterior and interior of the house.

For Boys: - One crop club and one livestock club carried two years each."

MISSOURI

"The projects to be selected would largely depend upon the status of such factors as the following:

- (1) The local conditions of the sections of the country in which the club members live.
- (2) The aptitudes and interests of the individual boy and girl and their families.
- (3) For girls, projects in foods and clothing for all; for boys, projects in livestock and crops for all.
- (4) The local leadership which is available or can be developed."

NEBRASKA

"Recommend that a girl carry two years of clothing work, and in addition one year of cooking and one year of canning.

Recommend that a boy carry two years of dairy work beginning with the heifer project, and in addition with a year of poultry or swine."

NORTH DAKOTA

"For girls -- either foods or clothing.

For boys -- age and local conditions might be a factor. As a general thing, some project like swine or poultry would be better as the initial investment would not be so large and the project could readily be closed out without financial loss or special effort. At the same time, he would personally receive the general benefits of club work which accrue to the member.

Of course, if he cannot stay in club work more than two years before reaching the maximum age limit, then the project would take care of itself if the organization work has been properly done. That is, he could carry on as a farmer the project he started as a club member."

CALIFORNIA

"For the girls our most successful projects are clothing and home furnishing.

For the boys and girls who desire to undertake agricultural projects we cannot say definitely which will be the best for them. California agriculture is so diversified and yet specialized that what will fit in one locality will not fit in another. In general the swine, poultry, and dairy projects are more capable of getting results than most of the others we have, although crop projects such as beans, potatoes, grain, sorghums, get results with some youngsters.

Our projects in agriculture are selected according to the following standard:

- I. They must be large enough to be capable of some financial returns.
- II. They should fit into the agriculture of the home, farm, and the community.
- III. They should appeal to the prospective members.

As a side comment, we would like to dispense altogether with such projects as pigeons, rabbits, geese, ducks, goats, vegetables, but as yet we still have a few cropping in. The vegetable project is especially hard one with which to get results. The reasons are obvious, but the youngsters select it in spite of everything we can do to discourage them."

COLORADO

"If the boys were to remain on the farm and take only two years of club work I believe the most valuable club projects would be a livestock club and a crops club. Under this, I would state dairy calf club, for he has a chance there to lay the foundation for a good herd of dairy animals which would be of great value to him on the farm as the procedure of a quick cash income and would help to keep up the fertility of the soil. I would suggest some form of

crops club as his next choice. For our conditions here, I would suggest a corn club as he learns there the value of using pure seed and the value of producing large quantities of leafage for seed. I believe therefore that the dairy and corn club projects would be the most important for a boy to consider.

For a girl under the same conditions, my suggestion would be for her to take up meal preparation work, which would include selection of foods and planning meals and then taking up baking and canning work. Here two years could be very profitably spent in meal preparation and in canning club work. As a second choice, the other club would be a poultry club, as it would teach her how to handle the farm flock. By caring for them properly she will be able to produce eggs which would be turned into cash for use on household and personal advantages."

WASHINGTON

"The choice of the project should not be of primary importance. We look upon character building and development of leadership in the club member as being of greatest value. These can be developed in one project as well as another. Perhaps the project which offers keenest competition develops the most initiative. The agricultural projects carried on will be somewhat dependent upon the types of farming in the community."

